

## **CLAIMS**

1. A voltage level translator for operating an operational amplifier integrated circuit designed for operation with a single ended power supply, to operate with a split level power supply having a center tapped ground, comprising:

operational amplifier integrated circuit to a first polarity of the power supply,

second means for connecting a second polarity power supply terminal of the operational amplifier integrated circuit to a second polarity of the split level power supply, and

means for connecting a signal input terminal of the operational amplifier to a center tapped ground of the split level power supply.

- 2. The voltage level translator of claim 1 wherein another signal input terminal of the operational amplifier is coupled to a signal source referenced to ground without any DC isolation capacitors connected in series with the amplifier and the output terminal of the operational amplifier is coupled to a signal load referenced to ground without any DC isolation capacitors connected in series with the amplifier.
  - 3. The voltage level translator of claim 2 wherein the signal load is a loudspeaker having one terminal referenced to ground.
- 4. The voltage level translator of claim 1 wherein the amplifier includes a plurality of amplifiers on the same integrated circuit chip having a common substrate, and all of the plurality of amplifiers are also voltage level translated, the substrate being biased the same amount with respect to each of the plurality of amplifiers.
- 5. The voltage level translator of claim 1 wherein the split level power supply having a center tapped ground also provides power to other circuits performing other 30 functions.
  - 6. The voltage level translator of claim 5 wherein the amplifier output load is an earphone and the other circuits performing other functions is a DVD player.
  - 7. The voltage level translator of claim 1 wherein the amplifier has an AC reference which is connected to the DC voltage ground.

